

## REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Action mailed August 20, 2003. The Final Action objected to the format of the amendments in the response of March 14, 2003, and the Consent of Assignee.

Objections to Claim Format

2. The Examiner objected to the claim amendment format. The claims submitted herewith are in accordance with the format specified by 37 CFR 1.173. The amendments to claims 29, 33 and 34 are the same as those presented in the Response of February 24, 2003. Claims 1-27, 29, 30, 33, and 34 remain pending in the application. Applicants resubmit the arguments and remarks put forth in the Response of February 24, 2003. Hence, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Consent of Assignee

3. The Examiner objected to the signature of the undersigned on the "Consent of Assignee". Attached herewith is the Consent of Assignee executed in accordance with MPEP 324(b). The attached document is signed by Isamu Shimura, Director IP Development Center, of the assignee, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., is a Japanese corporation and Mr. Shimura resides in Japan. Mr. Shimura's title and position is the Japanese equivalent of an officer of the company, like a Vice-President. Therefore, Mr. Shimura is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, under MPEP 324(b).

Allowed Claims

Applicants note with appreciation that a Notice of Allowance was issued on this reissue application on April 18, 2003 allowing claims 1-27, 29-30, and 33-34.

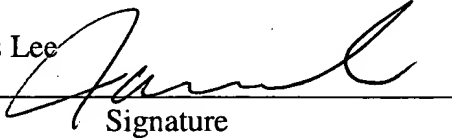
Now that all formalities have been satisfied by this response, Applicants respectfully request that this reissue application move forth to final allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


**SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.**

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